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MISCELLANEOUS PAPERS OF THE GENERAL
COMMITTEE, SECRET COMMITTEE AND PRO-
VINCIAL CONGRESS, 1775.

(Continued from the October number.)

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[CHARLES KING CHITTY TO WILLIAM HENRY DRAYTON.]

June 23. 1775 Received of W. H. Drayton the sum of seventy Pounds for carrying an express from the Committee of Intelligence to Willmington by order of Congress. C^s: King Chitty

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[JOHN MILNER TO WILLIAM HENRY DRAYTON.]

June 24. 1775 Received of M^r Drayton the sum of ten Pounds Curr, on account of the repairing the Public arms, & for which I promise to account—

John Milner

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[JOHN MILLER TO WILLIAM HENRY DRAYTON.]

July 8. 1775. Received of W^m H^r— Drayton the sum of fifty pounds in advance on account of my cleaning & repairing the Public arms

John Milner

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[EDWARD WEYMAN TO WILLIAM HENRY DRAYTON.]

Sir/

I have since the 18th of June Last Imploy'd, Adam Willts, Jacob Souber, Fredrick Souer, and John Costine, in the Service of the Public to the 1st Instant about the Guns, you will Therefore be pleas'd to pay them at the rate of 10s p^r day for their trouble—

I am Sir Your most humb^{le} Sert

Edwd Weyman

3^d July 1775

To the Honorable

William H. Drayton

July 12. 1775 Received thirty Pounds being the full contents of the above order the due portions of which money I promise to pay to the concerned.

Friedreich Sauer

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[INDIAN AFFAIRS.]

Extracts from the Proceedings of the Congress,
July 12th. 1775.—

The Congress took into Consideration the Report of the Committee on Indian affairs, which after Several amendments was agreed to, and is as follows.

That the Securing & preserving the Friendship of the Indian Nations appears to be a Subject of the utmost moment to these Colonies,

That there is too much Reason to apprehend that Administration will Spare no Pains to excite the Several nations of Indians to take up Arms against these Colonies; and that it becomes us to be very active and vigilant in exerting every prudent means to strengthen & confirm the friendly Disposition towards these Colonies which has long prevailed among the Northern Tribes, and which has lately manifested by Some of those to the Southward.

That Commissioners be appointed from this Congress to Superintend Indian affairs in behalf of these Colonies.

That there be Three Departments of Indians, the Northern, Middle & Southern, the northern to extant so far South as to include the whole of the Indians known by the Name of the Six Nations, and all the Indians northward of those nations, The Southern Departments to extend so far north as to Include the Cherokees, and all the Indians that may be to the Southward of them, and the middle to contain the Indian Nations that lie between the other two Departments.

That five Commissioners be appointed for the Southern Department, That the Commissioners have power to treat with the Indians in their respective Departments, in the name, and on the behalf of the united Colonies, in order to

perserve Peace, and Friendship with the Said Indians, and to prevent their taking any part in the present Commotions.

That the Commissioners for the Southern Department receive from the Continental Treasury the Sum of Ten Thousand Dollars for defraying the Expences of Treaties and Presents to the Indians.

That the Commissioners respectively have power to take to their Assistance Gentlemen of Influence among the Indians, in whom they can confide, and to appoint agents residing near or among the Indians to watch the Conduct of the Superintendants and their Emissaries.

That in case the commissioners for the respective Districts; or any of them in either District, Shall have Satisfactory proof that the Kings Superintendants, their Deputies or Agents, or any other Person whatsoever, are active in Stirring up, or inciting the Indians or any of them to become inimical to the American Colonies, Such Commissioners ought to cause Such Superintendant or other offender to be Seized and kept in Safe Custody untill order Shall be taken therein by a Majority of the Commissioners of the District where Such Seizure is made; or by the continental Congress, or a Committee of Said Congress, to whom Such Seizure with the Causes of it, Shall as Soon as possible after be made known,

That the Commissioners Shall exhibit fair accounts of the Expenditurs of all monies by them respectively to be received for the Purposes aforesaid, to every Succeeding Continental Congress or Committee of Congress, together with a General State of Indian affairs in their Several Departments, in order that the Colonies may be informed from time to time of every Such matter as may Concern them to know and avail them Selves of, for the Benefit of the Common Cause, &C

July 19.

The appointments of Three of the Commissioners for the Southern Departments is left to the Convention or Council of Safety in South Carolina

Endorsed: Copy 12th. July 1775—

Proceedings of the Congress

(To be continued in the next number of this magazine.)